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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



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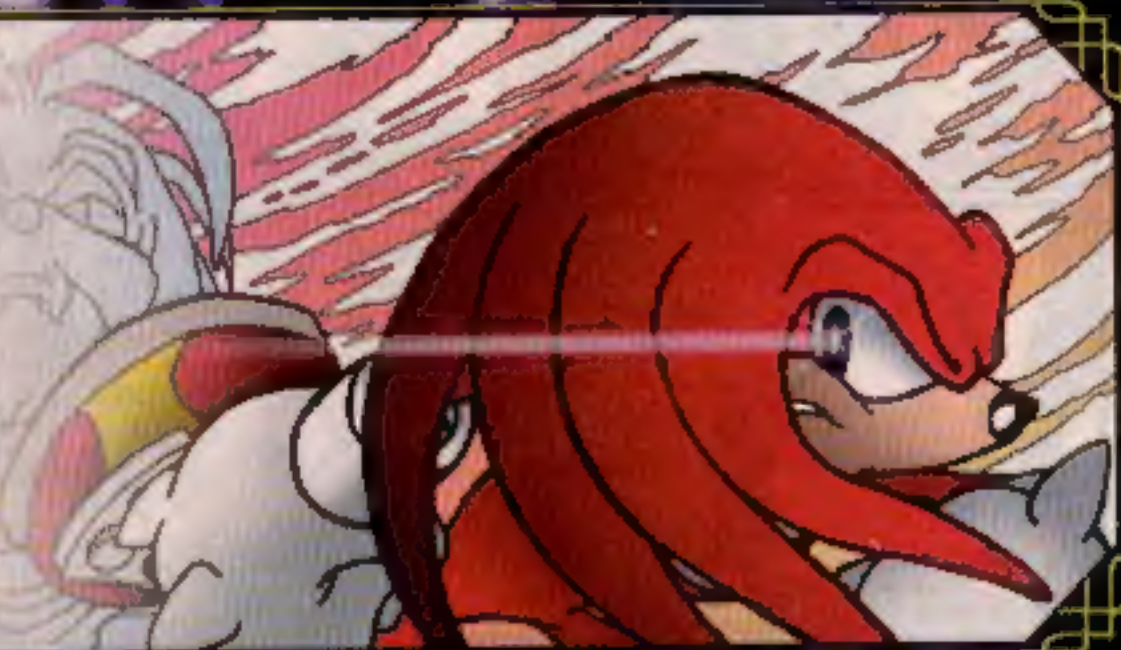
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Last issue, Sonic and The Freedom Fighters found the Hidden City of The Ancients -- and it seems the ancients have now found them...

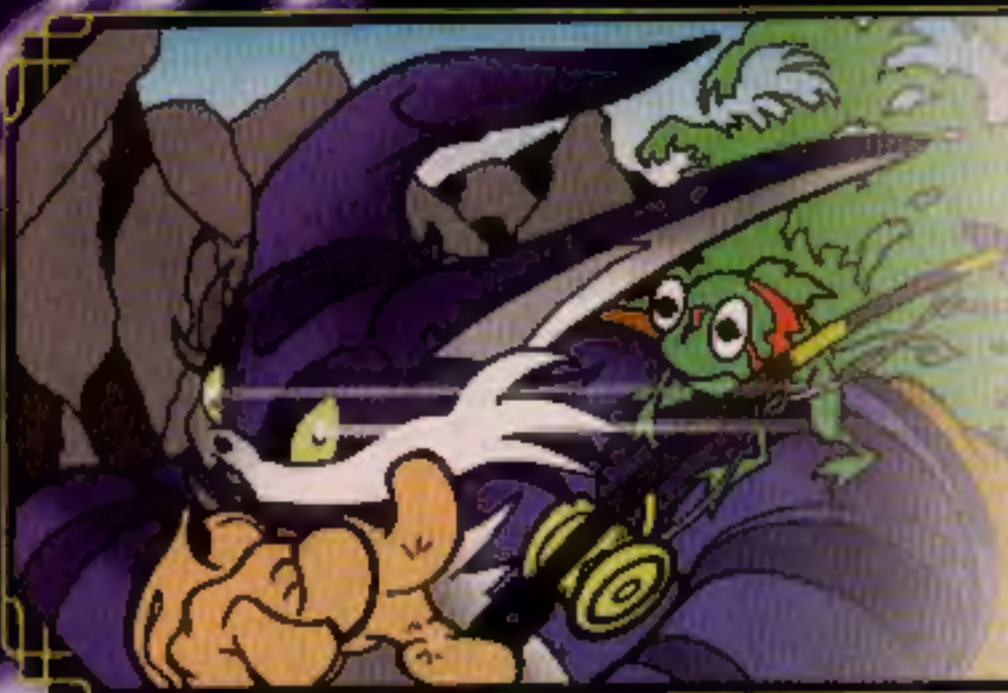
By **Penders, Butler, Eklund, Gagliardo and Williams.**

The last time we saw Knuckles The Echidna, he was arguing with the other guardians at Haven. The subject: not helping Princess Sally combat the new Dr. Robotnik, who just blew up the Master Emerald, grounding the Floating Island! Knuckles takes off after him...

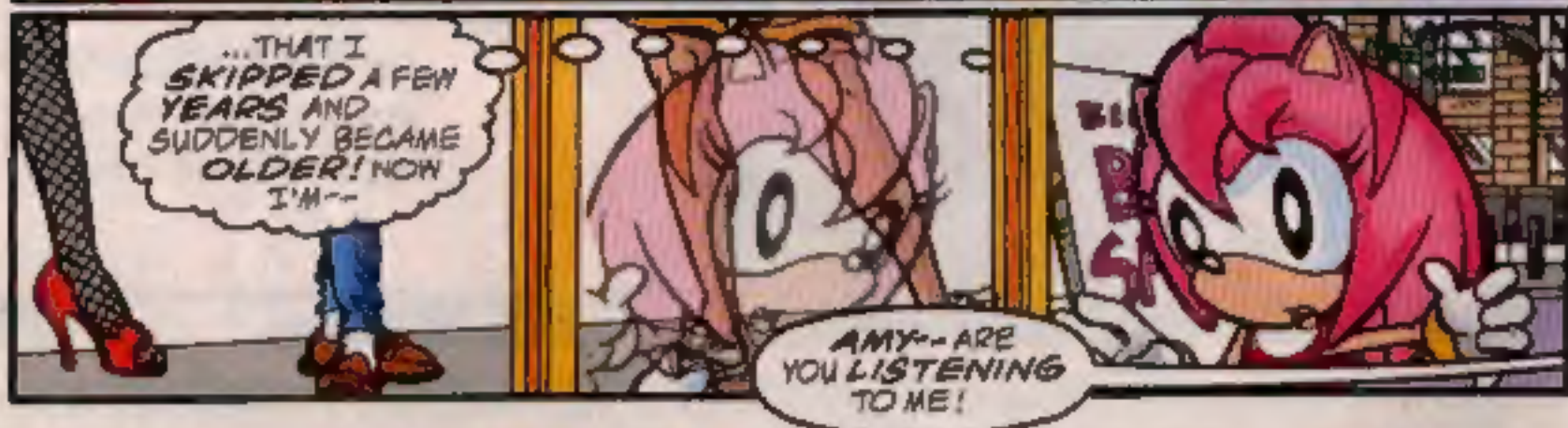
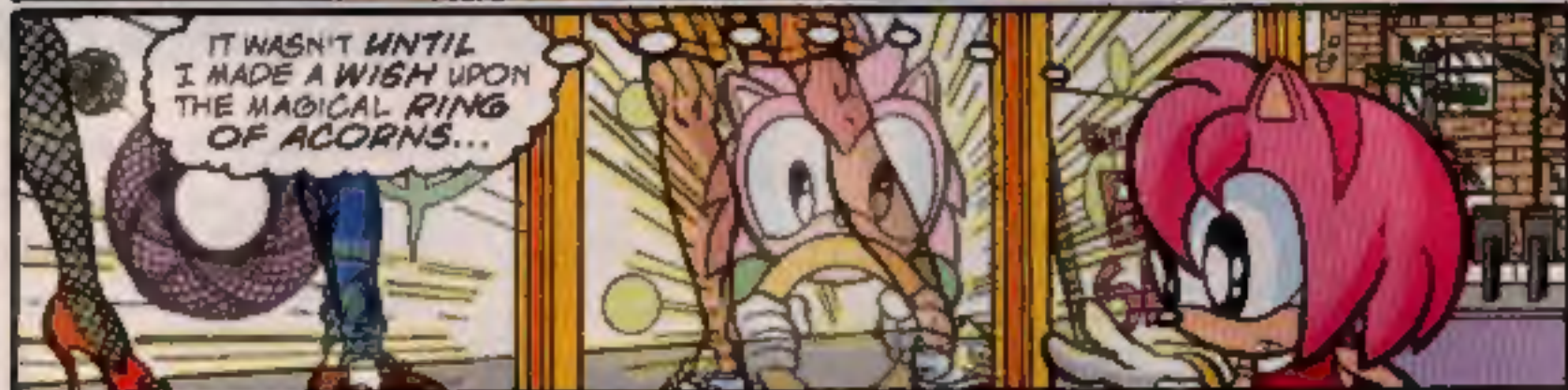


Last issue's solo story introduced us to Big The Cat and, his pollywog pal Froggy, who was frog-napped by E-102! Big promises to find him.

This issue's solo story stars Amy Rose in "A Rose Plucked" by **Bollers, Allan, Harvo, Gagliardo and Powell.**



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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN City Of Dreams...



WELL...
I... UHM...

I ASKED
WHAT YOU THINK
OF THIS HIDDEN
CITY OF THE
ANCIENTS--

-- AN
UNDERGROUND
CITY WITH AN
ARTIFICIAL
ENVIRONMENT?

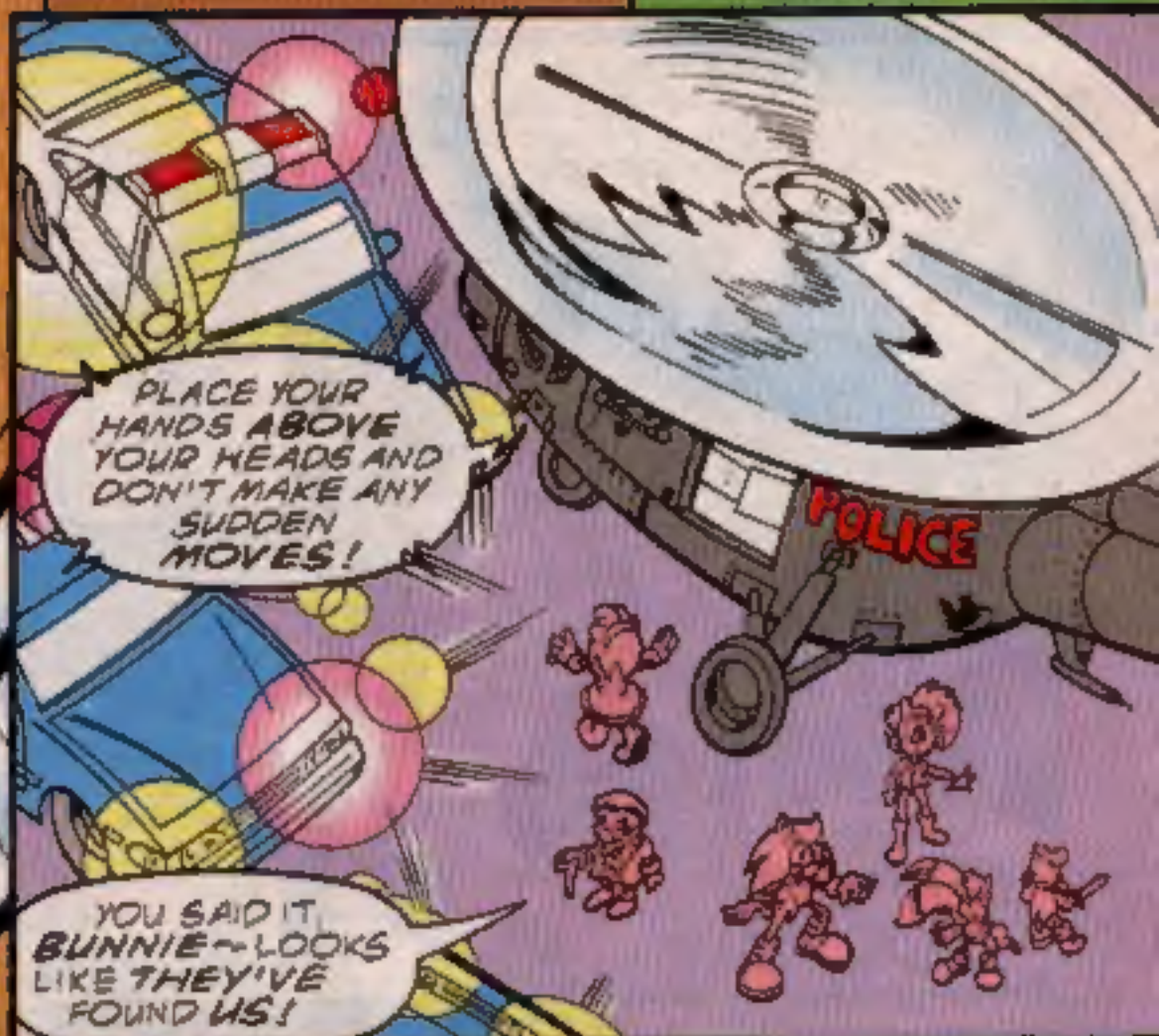
I CAN TELL
YA, NATE--WAY
PAST "WAY PAST
COOL!"

BUT
WHAT
NOW?

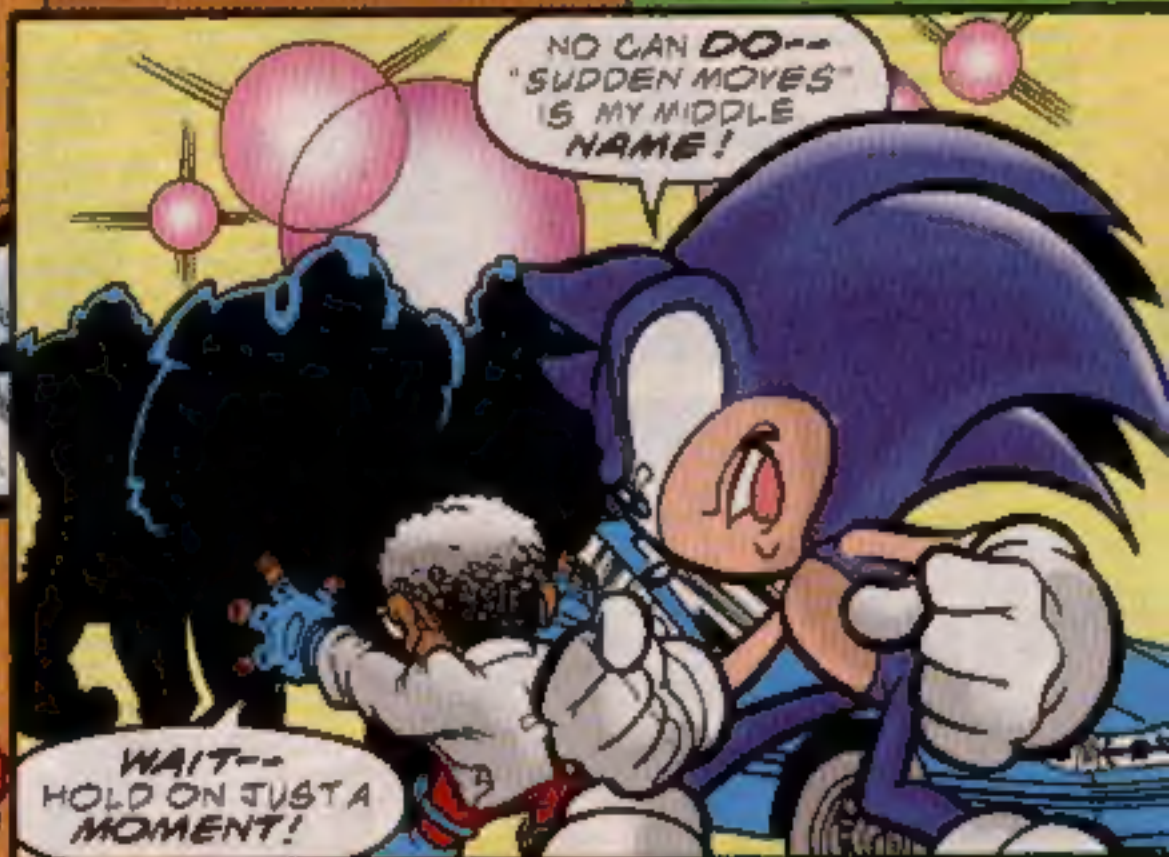
TAILS IS RIGHT
--IF ROBOTNIK IS INDEED
A THREAT TO THESE
UNSUSPECTING OVER-
LANDERS, WE'VE GOT
TO INFORM THE PROPER
AUTHORITIES!

I AM FINDING
MYSELF IN AGREE-
MENT WITH
PREENZESS
SALLY!

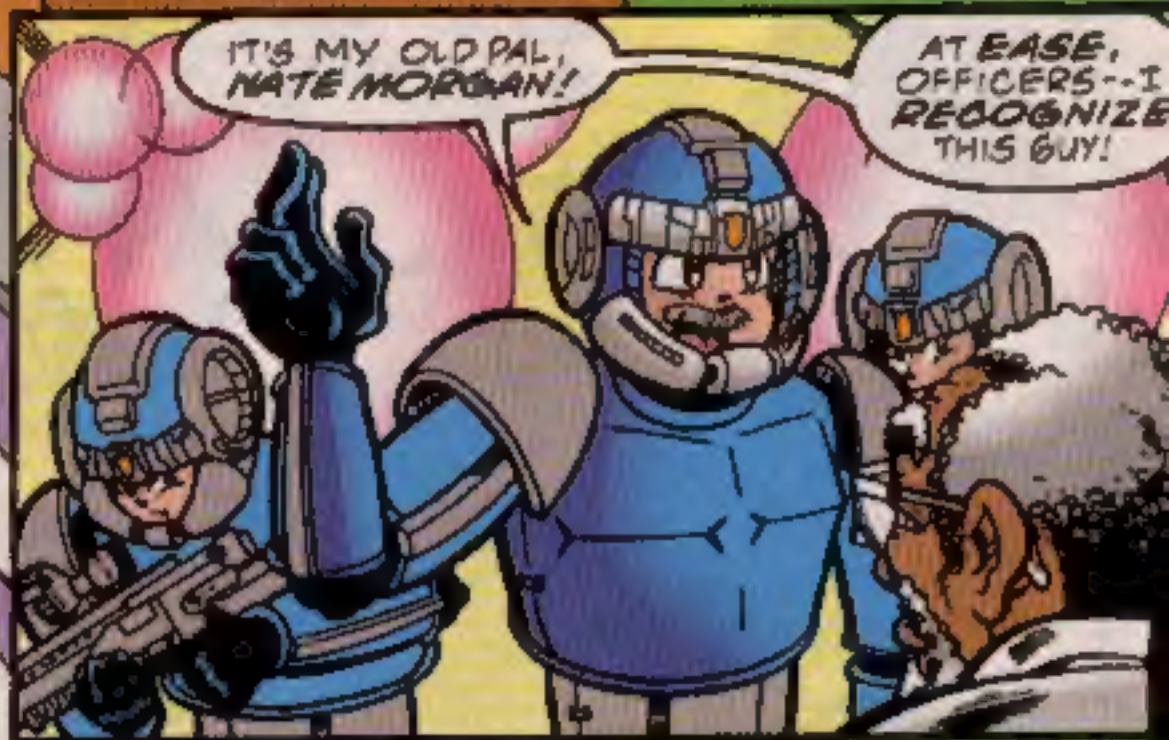
DITTO, ANTOINE
--BUT AH DON'T THINK
WE GOT TOO FAR TO
GO! LOOK!



YOU SAID IT
BUNNIE--LOOKS
LIKE THEY'VE
FOUND US!



WAIT--
HOLD ON JUST A
MOMENT!



AT EASE,
OFFICERS--I
RECOGNIZE
THIS GUY!

WHAT BRINGS YOU BACK TO TOWN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, OLD-TIMER? AND WHAT'S WITH THE PETS?

THESE AREN'T PETS, LIEUTENANT-- THEY ARE ALLIES! WHY DON'T I LET THE PRINCESS EXPLAIN?

MY NAME IS SALLY ACORN -- MY FATHER, KING MAXIMILLIAN OF KNOTHOLE KINGDOM HAS SENT US HERE AS EMISSARIES.

YOU CAN SPEAK?!

EVER SINCE I WAS EIGHT MONTHS OLD-- BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE'VE COME TO WARN YOU OF A POTENTIAL THREAT TO YOUR CITY!

SOUNDS LIKE SERIOUS BUSINESS TO ME, UHH... MA'AM, BUT IF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE, THE MAYOR WILL HAVE TO BE NOTIFIED.

HOWEVER, SINCE IT'S SO LATE AND YOU TRAVELED SO FAR, IT'D PROBABLY BE BETTER IF YOU ALL SPENT THE EVENING RESTING UP...

WELCOME TO THE... STATION SQUARE HOTEL?!

THANKS, DUDE! HOWZABOUT A PLATE O' CHILI-DOGS TO THE EXECUTIVE SUITE?

"...AND I KNOW JUST THE PLACE!"

"Y'KNOW NATE-- I COULD REALLY GET USED TO THIS PLACE!"

HE NEXT
MORNING...

I APPRECIATE YOUR
EFFORTS, FREEDOM FIGHTERS,
BUT THERE'S BEEN NO TROUBLE
AROUND THESE PARTS WHAT-
SOEVER.

WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY
TRACE OF THIS ROBOTNIK
GUY AT ALL. SEEMS LIKE A
WILD GOOSE CHASE
IF YOU ASK ME...

...SO WHY DON'T
YOU ALL RELAX AND
TAKE A TOUR OF
THE CITY?

OF
COURSE, MAYOR
BULLYANI!

OUR CITY,
STATION SQUARE,
IS BUILT ON BEDROCK WITH
A MAN-MADE BODY OF WATER
SURROUNDING IT. TO THINK
ALL OF THIS DEEP WITHIN A
MOUNTAIN.

OUR ANCESTORS ALSO MADE
A SKY CANOPY THAT IMITATES
DAY & NIGHT, THE SEASONS
AND THE WEATHER.

THIS IS THE
"ELERAIL"...

...PART OF OUR
RAPID TRANSIT
SYSTEM!

THIS RIDE COULD
LAST ALL DAY LONG, SO
IF YOU WISH TO GO
EXPLORING ON
YOUR OWN...

HE CALLS
THIS RAPID?!

EITHER TO THE
EMERALD COAST OR
TO THE MYSTIC
RUINS...

...BE MY
GUEST!

IF IT'S
OKAY, MISTER
MAYOR...

CASINO

...WE'D RATHER
CONTINUE WITH
THE TOUR.

SPEAK FOR
YOURSELF, SAL
-- I'LL SEE YOU
GUYS BACK AT
THE HOTEL!

WORD
UP!

A SHORT WHILE LATER...

THIS IS GREAT--
NOW THAT I'M
BIG ENOUGH
I DON'T NEED
A BABY-
SITTER!

SO WHAT
DO I DO NEXT?
WHERE DO I
GO?



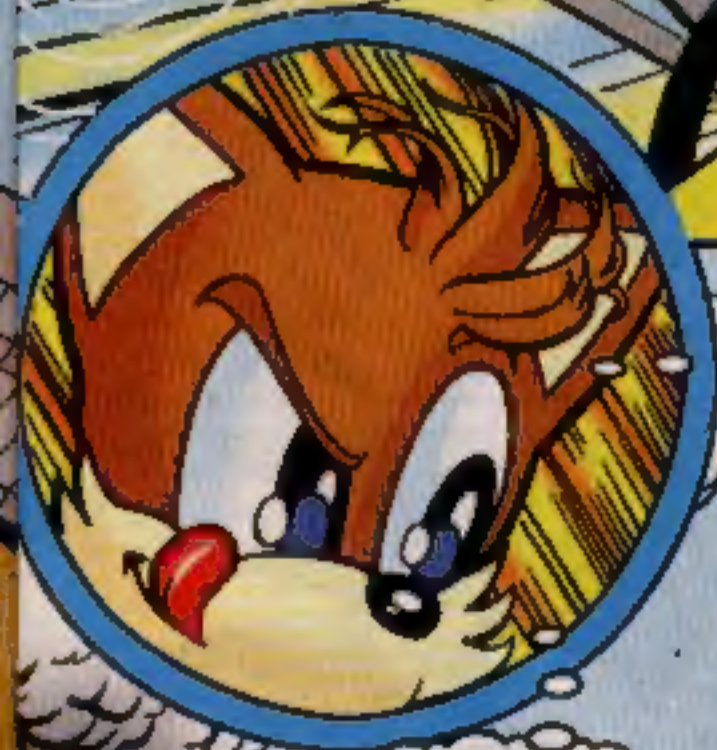
THERE!

THE
SHOPPING
MALL!!

IN ANOTHER PART
OF THE HIDDEN
CITY...

THAT TRAIN
RIDE WAS OKAY
BUT I'D RATHER
TRAVEL...

BY
AIR!

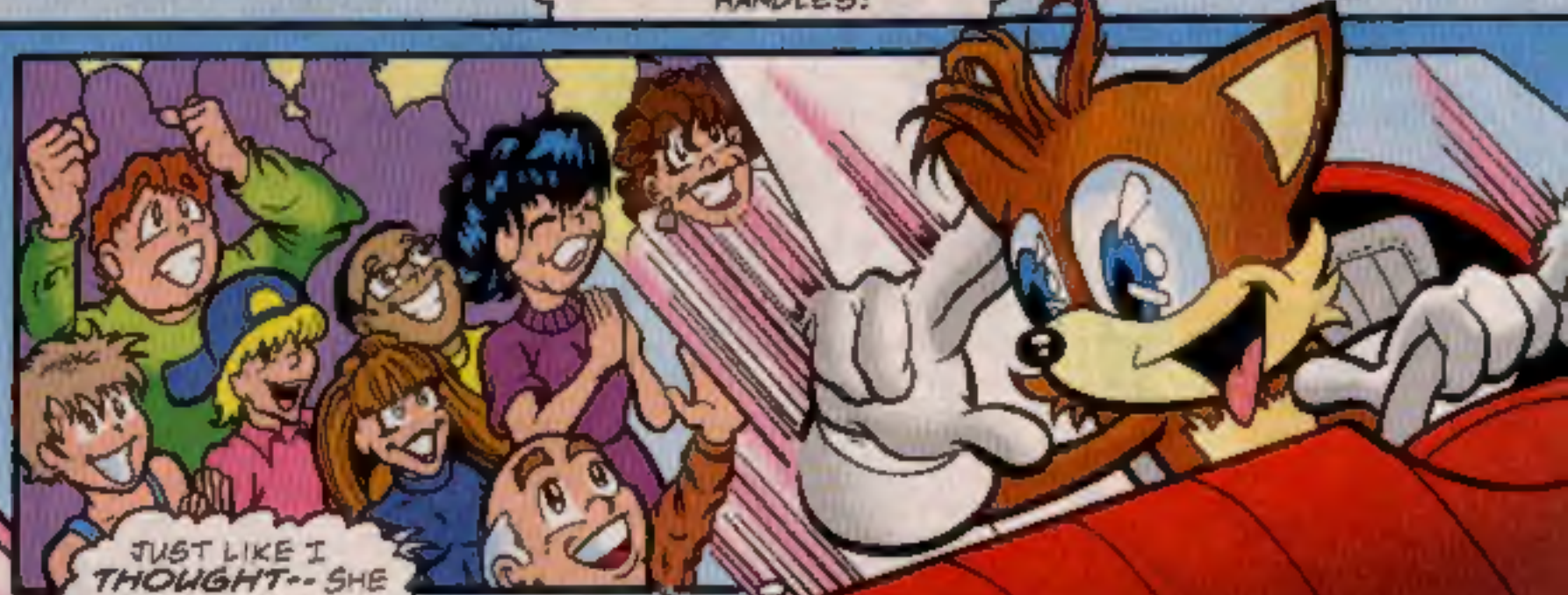


SPEAKING OF AIR,
I JUST BETTER
REMEMBER THAT
THE SKY IS FAKE --

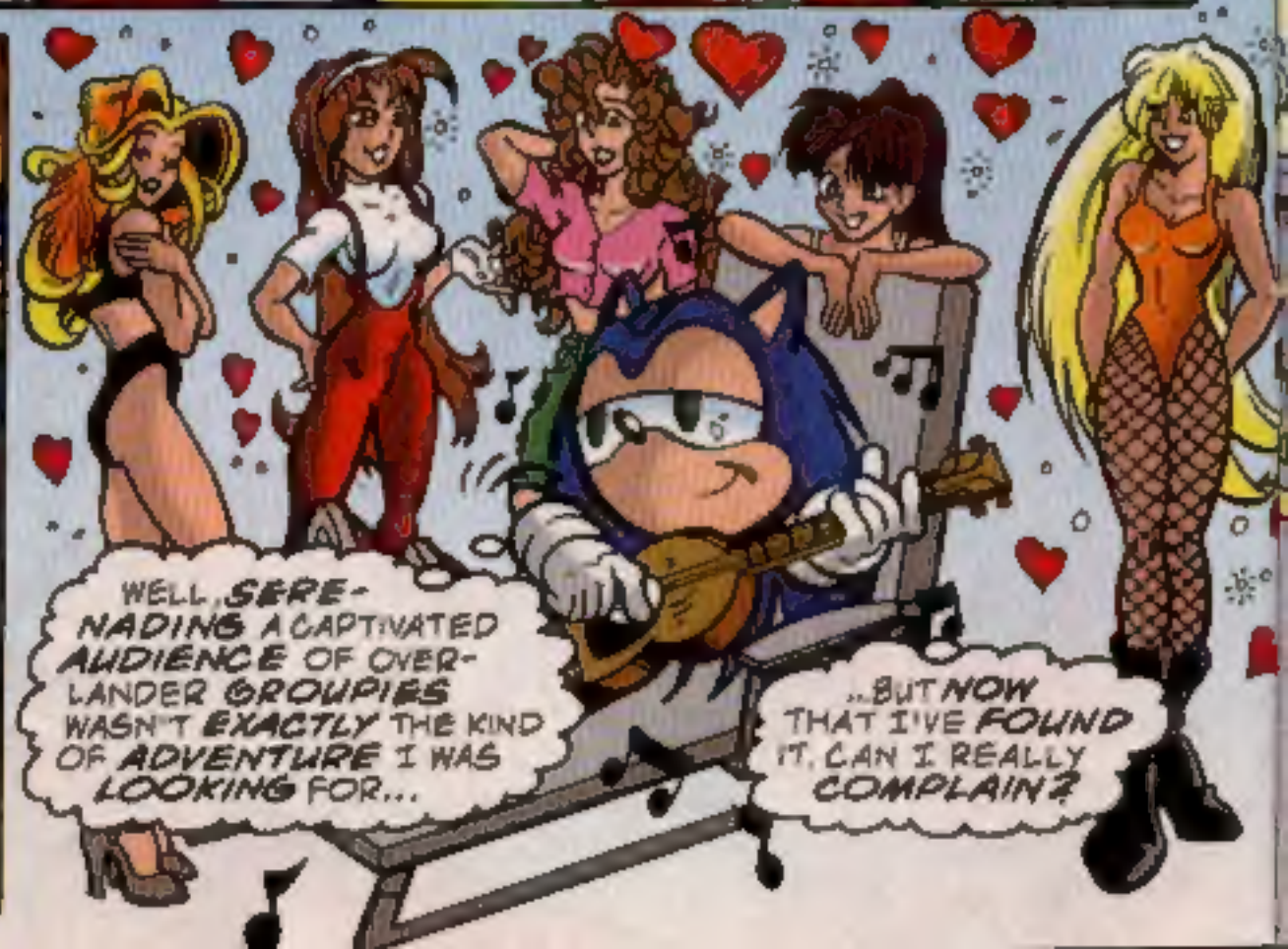
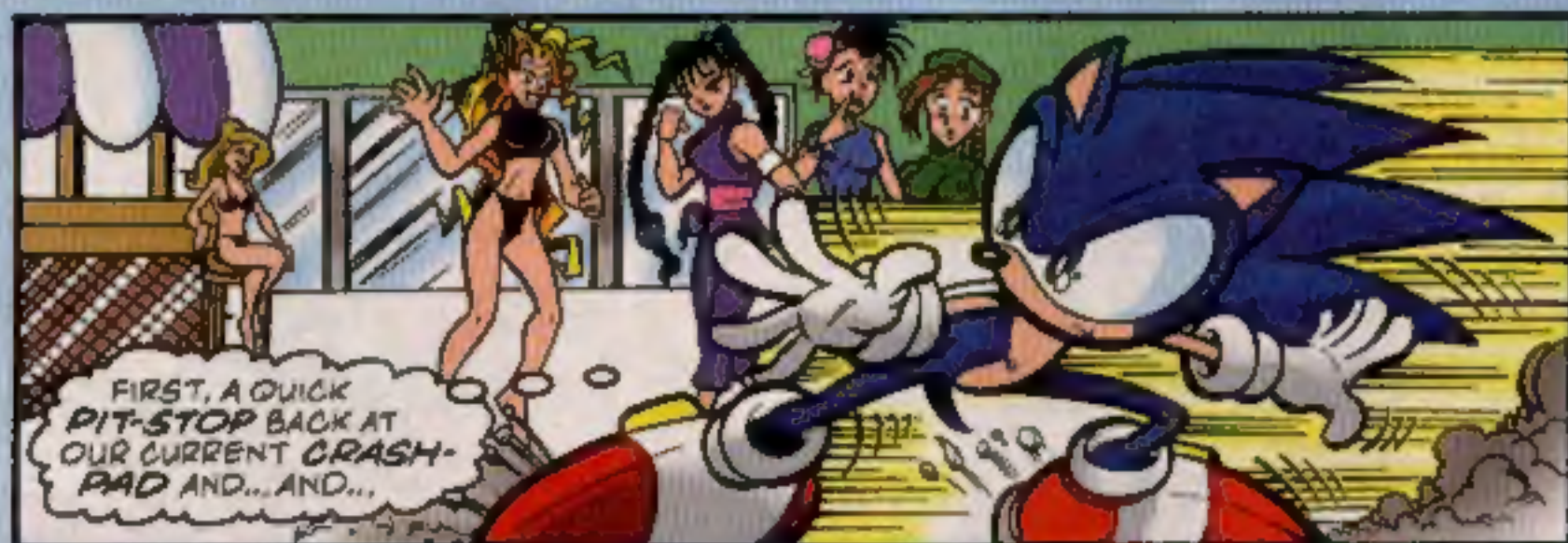
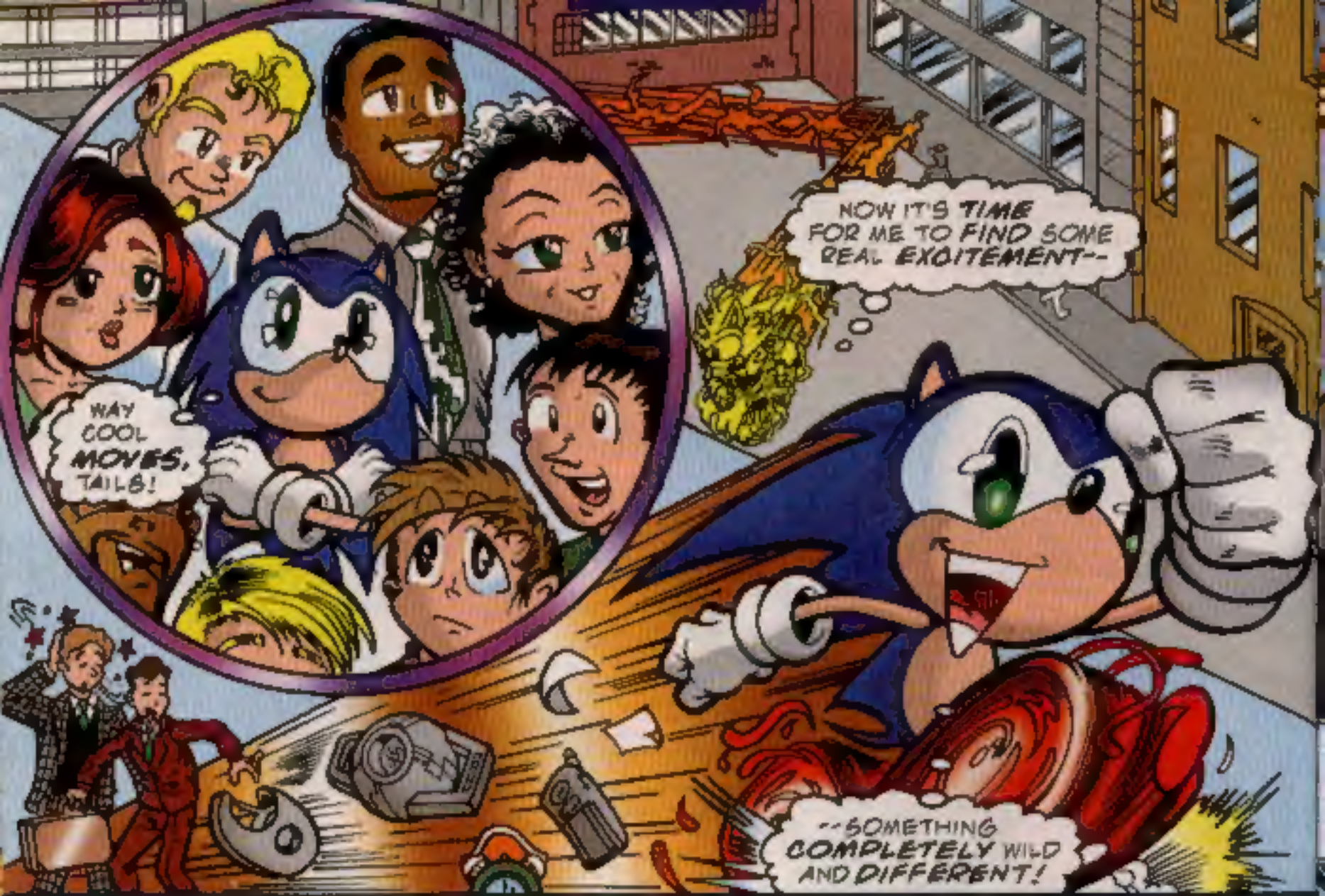
-- IF I GO TOO FAR
I'LL HIT THE INSIDE
OF THE MOUNTAIN!
BUT I THINK I'M OK --

--SO NOW'S
MY CHANCE
TO SEE JUST HOW
WELL...

...MY NEW
BI-PLANE, THE "TORNADO"
HANDLES!



JUST LIKE I
THOUGHT-- SHE
FLIES LIKE A
BIRD!



ELSEWHERE...

I DON'T
RECOGNIZE THE TERM
OVERLANDERS!

WE CALL
OURSELVES
HUMANS. ANY
OTHER QUESTIONS?

YES, I DON'T
UNDERSTAND--

"the
JOHNSON
SISTERS"

BLAMO

WHEE-TWO

--WHY YOUR
CIVILIZATION HASN'T
YET MADE CONTACT WITH
THE REST OF THE WORLD,
MISTER MAYOR.

WELL, PRINCESS,
THE CITY HAS BEEN
CUT OFF FROM THE
REST OF THE GLOBE
FOR SO LONG IT'S
BECOME SELF-
SUFFICIENT--

--WITH NO
REASON TO
ESTABLISH
OUTSIDE RELA-
TIONS.

WITH NO
REASON...

...UNTIL
NOW.

I LOOK
FORWARD TO
THE FUTURE.

BUT THE FUTURE IS
GONNA HAFTA WAIT
UNTIL NEXT MONTH!

Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

LAST NIGHT...

NOW THAT YOU BATHE
IN THE GLOW EMANATING
FROM THOSE EMERALD
CRYSTALS--

--THE RESULTS
SHOULD PROVE VERY
INTERESTING!

THAT'S
IT!

SOAK UP THAT LIFE-
GIVING ENERGY! TAKE
ALL YOU NEED!

UTTERLY
FASCINATING!

I'VE NEVER WITNESSED
ANYTHING QUITE LIKE
IT BEFORE!

LOOK HOW IT
PULSATES!

HOLD ON!
SOMETHING'S
NOT RIGHT!

IT'S STOPPED
GROWING!

HOW CAN
IT BE?

I FOLLOWED ALL
THE DIRECTIONS!

UNLESS--

DESPITE THE FACT THAT A PIECE
OF CHAOS IS MISSING, THE SHARDS
SHOULD REPLENISH HIM FULLY!

--THERE'S A
PROBLEM WITH
ITS FOOD
SUPPLY?

AS
UNLIKELY
AS THAT
SOUNDS--

--IT'S THE ONLY
EXPLANATION THAT
WOULD MAKE
SENSE!

THEREFORE, IF
I INSERT A SHARD
SAMPLE INTO MY
SPECTRO-
ANALYZER--

--I SHOULD KNOW
WITHIN SECONDS
IF I'M ON THE
RIGHT TRACK!

MINERAL SAMPLE DOES
NOT MATCH READINGS OF
OTHER FRAGMENTS IN
THE SYSTEM DATABASE!

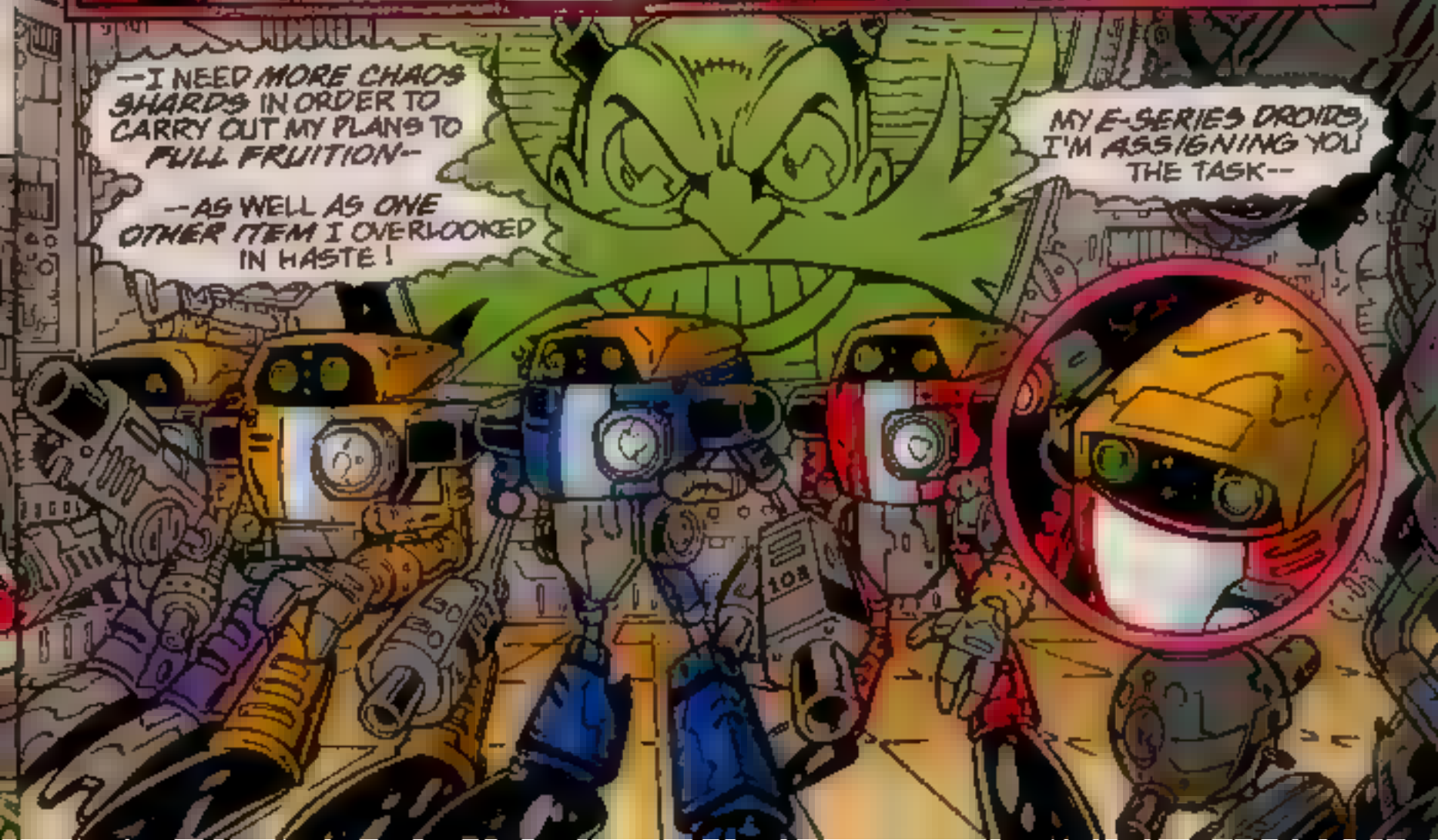
PROBABLY A PIECE
OF THE CAVERN
ITSELF MIXED IN
WITH ACTUAL
PIECES OF
THE CHAOS
EMERALD,
NO DOUBT!

IF THAT
IS SO--

--I NEED MORE CHAOS
SHARDS IN ORDER TO
CARRY OUT MY PLANS TO
FULL FRUITION--

--AS WELL AS ONE
OTHER ITEM I OVERLOOKED
IN WASTE!

MY E-SERIES DROIDS,
I'M ASSIGNING YOU
THE TASK--



"--OF LOCATING AND RETRIEVING AN ALPHA SPECIMEN OF AMPHIBIAN DNA!

"AND REMEMBER--FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION!"

THIS MORNING--

OH, HO!
WHAT HAVE WE
HERE?

EXCAVATED
RUINS! AND
IT LOOKS LIKE
SOMEONE'S BEEN
DIGGING AROUND
HERE LATELY!

I SAW HIS
SHIP HEAD IN
THIS GENERAL
DIRECTION--

--BUT I DON'T
SEE ANY SIGN
OF EITHER IT OR
ROBOTNIK!

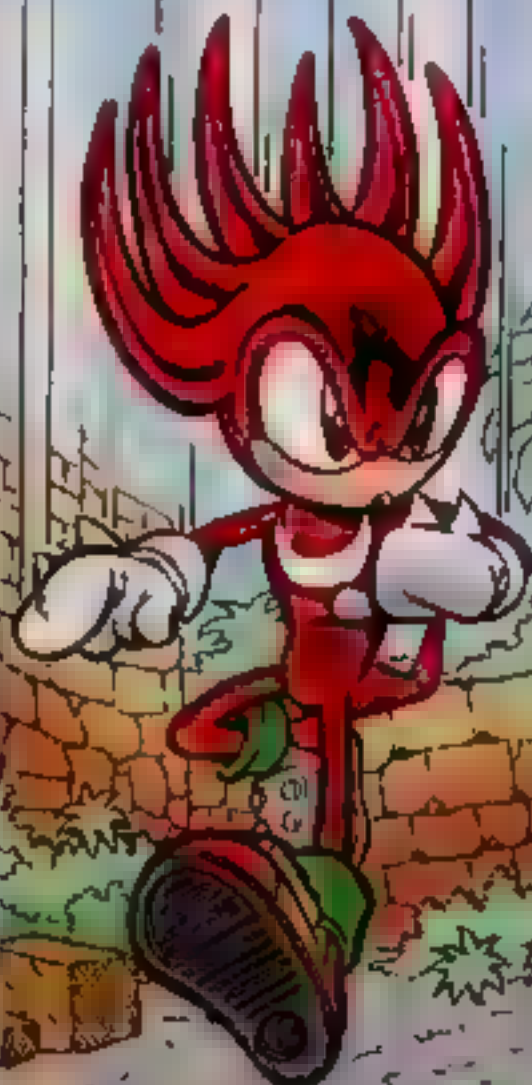
SINCE ROBOTNIK
BLASTED HIS WAY
INTO THE CHAOS
CHAMBER, IT STANDS
TO REASON--

KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA

IN
ALL YOU NEED
IS A BIT OF
CHAOS

--HE MAY
HAVE STARTED
ELSEWHERE

IN ANY EVENT
IT'S WORTH A
QUICK LOOK
AROUND!



DEJA VU!

THIS PLACE REMINDS ME OF
THE RUINS I'VE EXPLORED ON
THE FLOATING ISLAND! ^{1,2}

DID
ECHIDNAS
POSSIBLY LIVE
HERE AT ONE
TIME?



IF SO,
WHERE
DID THEY
GO?

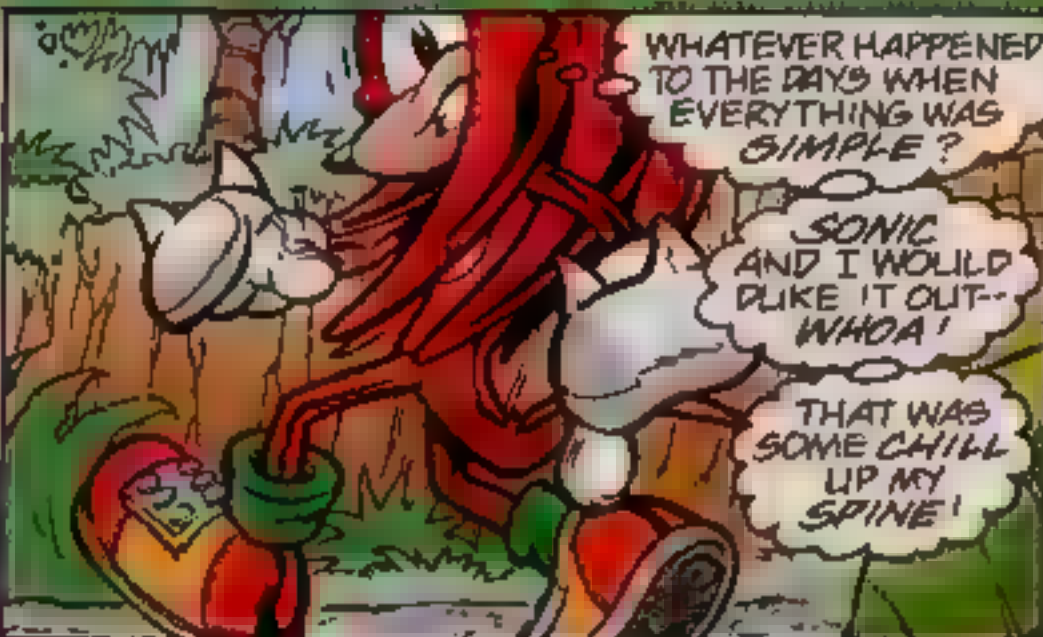
MORE
IMPORTANT--
WHY?



WHATEVER HAPPENED
TO THE DAYS WHEN
EVERYTHING WAS
SIMPLE?

SONIC
AND I WOULD
DUKE IT OUT--
WHOA!

THAT WAS
SOME CHILL
UP MY
SPINE!



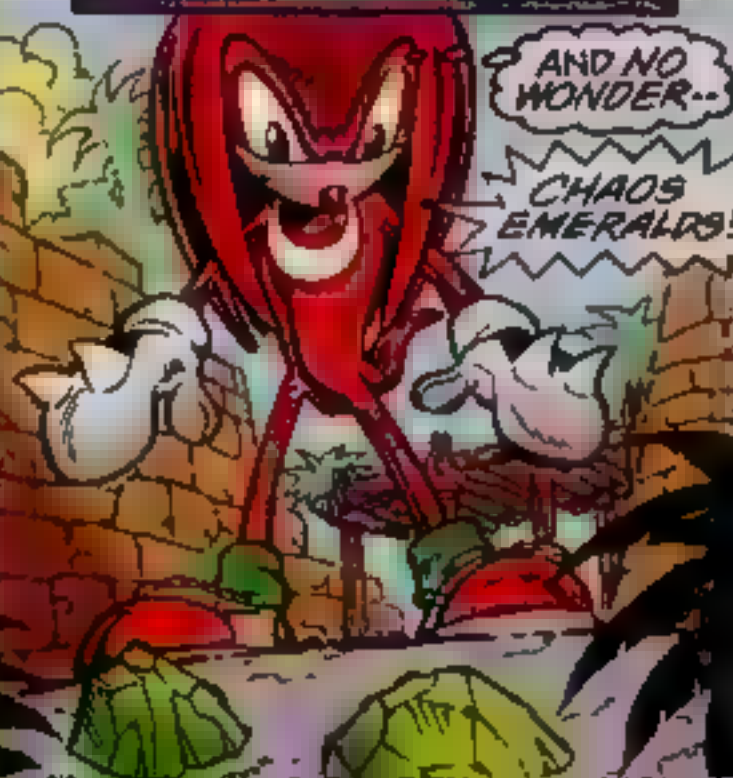
AND NO
WONDER--

CHAOS
EMERALDS!

YOU DON'T FIND THESE LYING
AROUND JUST ANYWHERE!

SOMEONE WAS
EITHER CARELESS
OR IN A REAL BIG
HURRY TO LEAVE
THESE BEHIND!

THE
QUESTION IS
--WHICH
ONE?



THAT'S FOR BETTER
BRAINS THAN MINE TO
FIGURE OUT, I GUESS!

I'M GETTING A
HEADACHE PLAYING
DETECTIVE!

THE SMART THING FOR
NOW IS TO HANG ON TO
THESE PUPPIES TILL I
SEE WHAT THE
DEAL IS!

PRETTY
SNUG--

--BUT
AT LEAST
THEY'RE NOT
A PAIN!

THE EMERALDS
AREN'T THE ONLY
THINGS GIVING ME A
FUNNY FEELING,
THOUGH!

SOME THING--
OR SOMEONE--
IS NEARBY--
WATCHING
ME!

WHAT
THE--?!

AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE HIGH SEAS APPROACHING BETWEEN THE ISLAND AND THE MAIN-
SAILING ABOARD A SLEEK CATAMARAN AS THE PRISONERS OF A RACE OF BEINGS NEW TO THEIR EXPERIENCE...

ALL RIGHT, SO YOU'RE TAKING US TO THE MAINLAND--

--ANYBODY CARE TO TELL US WHY?

ONLY OUR NEW "BUDS" HAVE A CLUE--

--AND THEY AIN'T YAKKIN'!

IF ONLY WE KNEW WHY THEY SEEM SO HOSTILE TOWARDS US!

I CAN'T RECALL KNUCKLES EVER MENTIONING ENCOUNTERING THESE GUYS BEFORE!

CHANCES ARE WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!

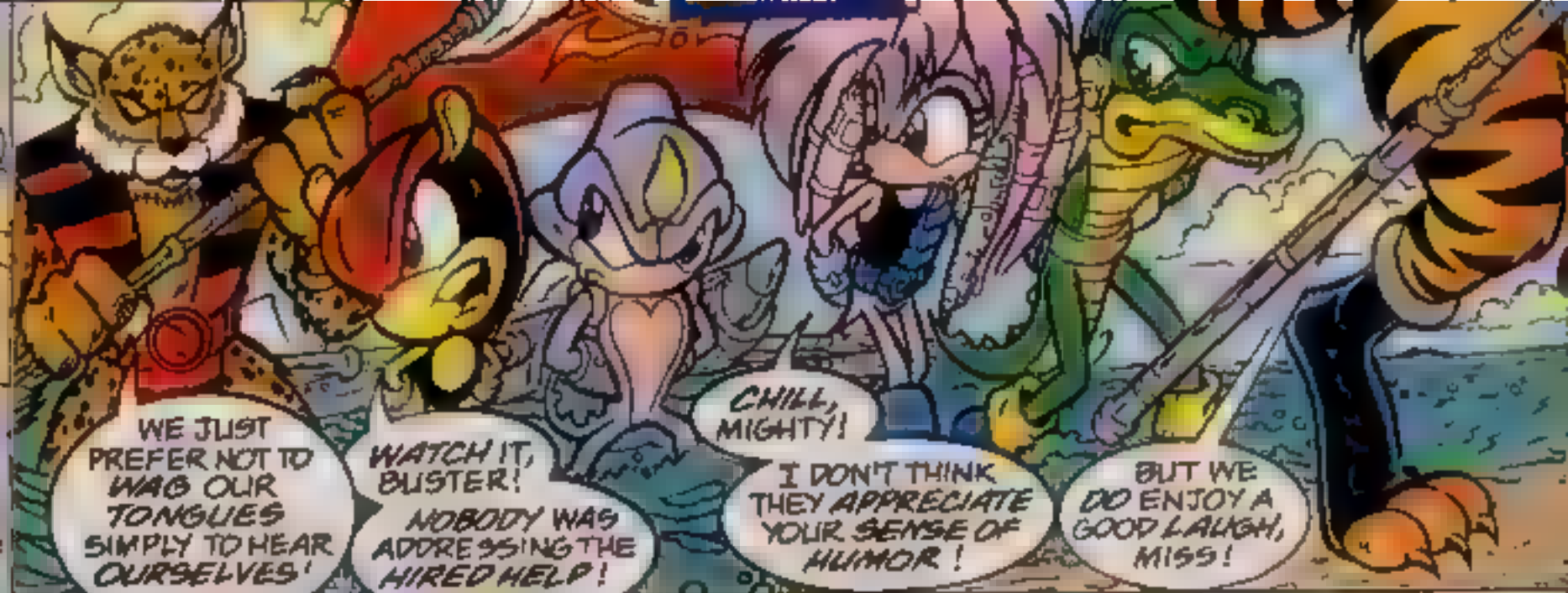
WHY TAKE A BOAT THE LONG WAY WHEN WE COULD HAVE JUST WALKED ACROSS THE--

THAT'S ENOUGH OUT OF YOU!

WE'LL WADE ASHORE FROM HERE!

YOU SPEAK?!!

WHY DO YOU ACT SO SURPRISED?



WE JUST
PREFER NOT TO
WAG OUR
TONGUES
SIMPLY TO HEAR
OURSELVES!

WATCH IT,
BUSTER!

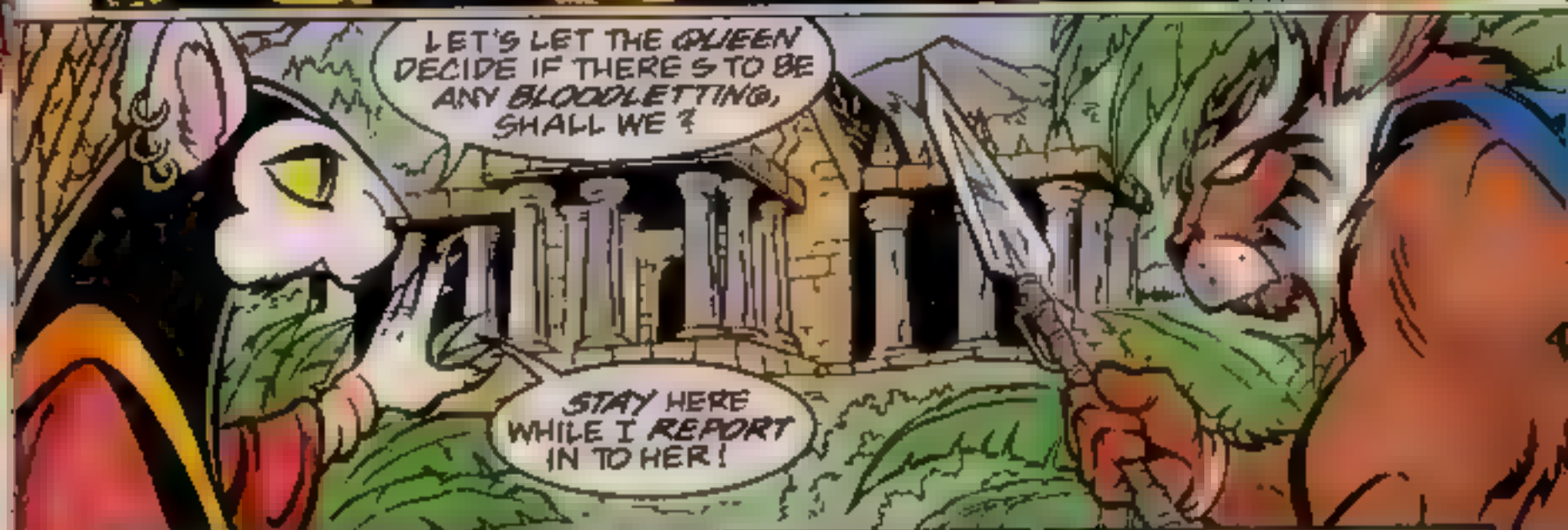
NOBODY WAS
ADDRESSING THE
HIRED HELP!

CHILL,
MIGHTY!

I DON'T THINK
THEY APPRECIATE
YOUR SENSE OF
HUMOR!

BUT WE
DO ENJOY A
GOOD LAUGH,
MISS!

WAIT'LL YOU SEE OUR REACTION
IF YOU GET OUT OF LINE!



LET'S LET THE QUEEN
DECIDE IF THERE'S TO BE
ANY BLOODLETTING,
SHALL WE?

STAY HERE
WHILE I REPORT
IN TO HER!

YOUR MAJESTY, IT'S GOOD
TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
HERE IS YOUR CLOAK.

WAS
YOUR
MISSION
A
SUCCESS?

THAT DEPENDS
ON WHAT OUR
PRISONERS TELL
US!

IF WE ARE TO COME
UNDER ATTACK FROM
THE OUTSIDERS--

--THEN WE SHALL MAKE
AN EXAMPLE OF OUR
"GUESTS" TO SHOW
THEM THE FOLLY OF
THEIR WAYS!

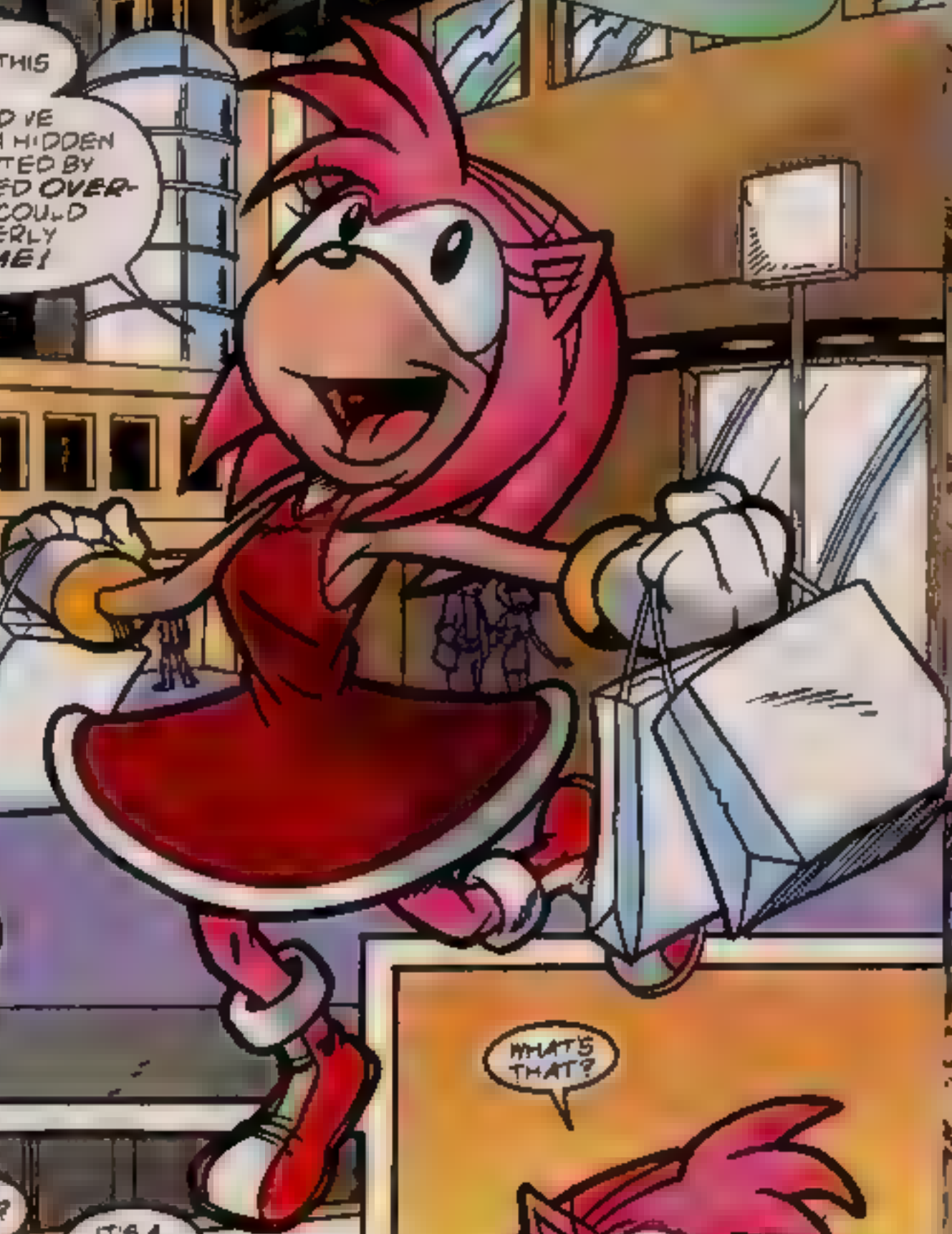
TO BE CONTINUED...

Amy Rose IN

M. Rose Plucked

I JUST
LOOOOVE THIS
PLACE!

WHO WOULD VE
THOUGHT A HIDDEN
CITY POPULATED BY
FIVE-FINGERED OVER-
LANDERS COULD
BE SO UTTERLY
AWESOME!

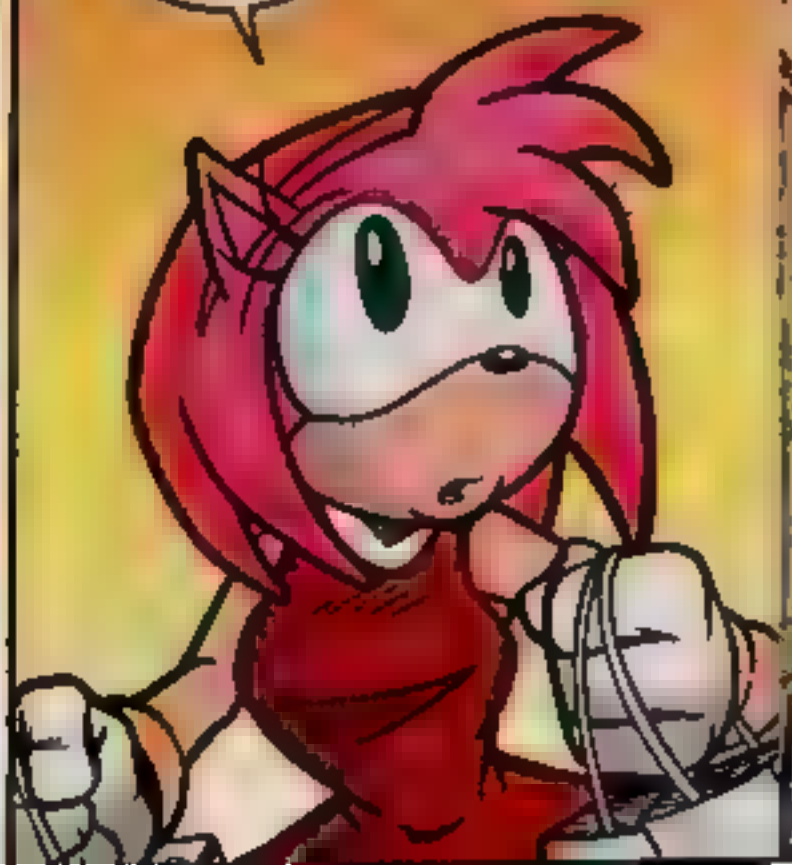
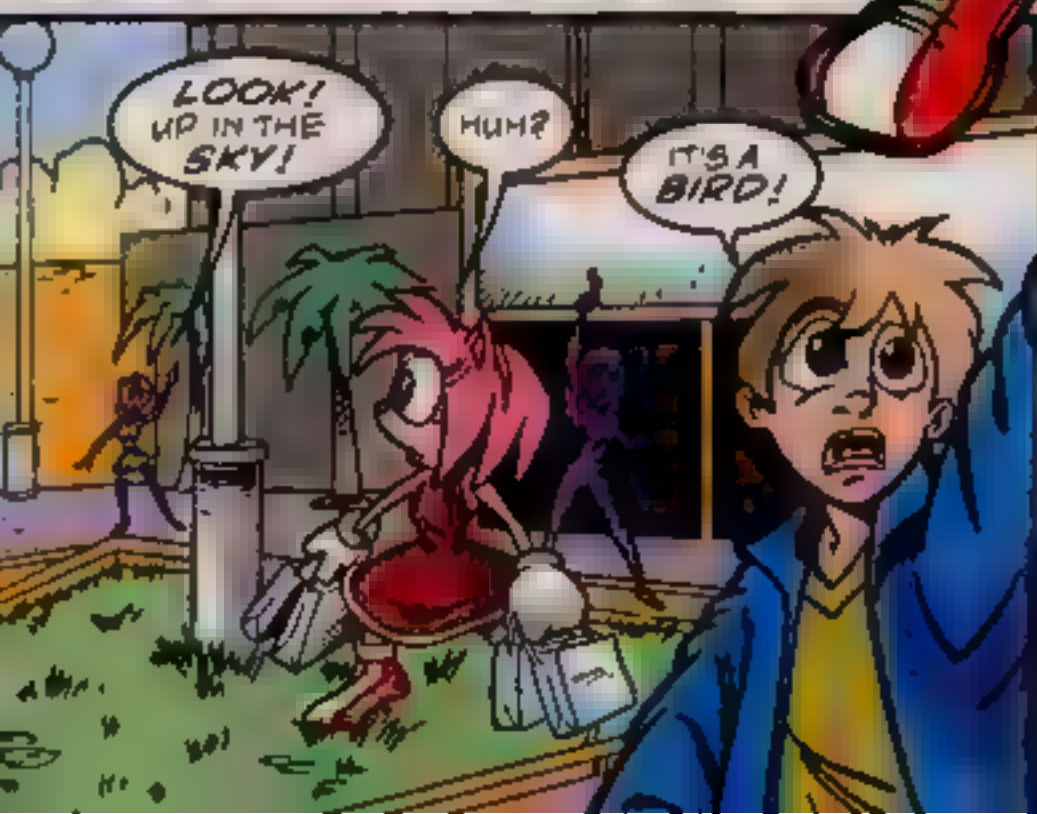


WHAT'S
THAT?

LOOK!
UP IN THE
SKY!

HUM?

IT'S A
BIRD!





SH-ZARK

SH-ZARK

WHAT'S GOING
ON? THAT DEFENSE
LESS CREATURE'S
BEING SHOT AT--

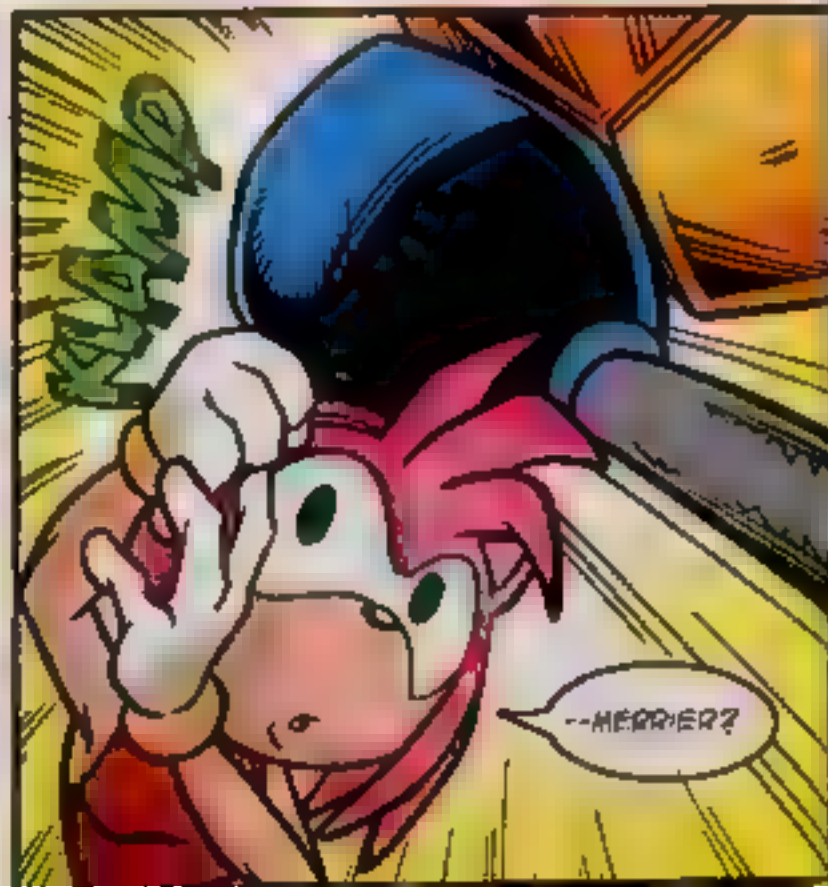
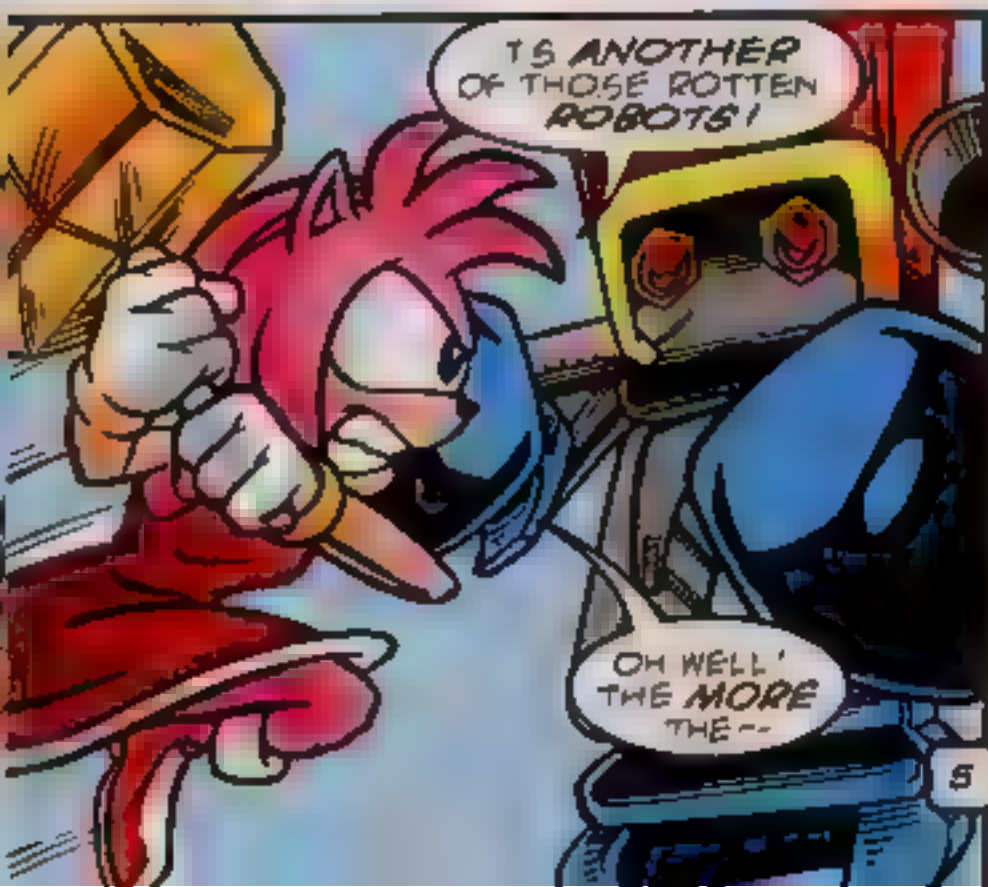
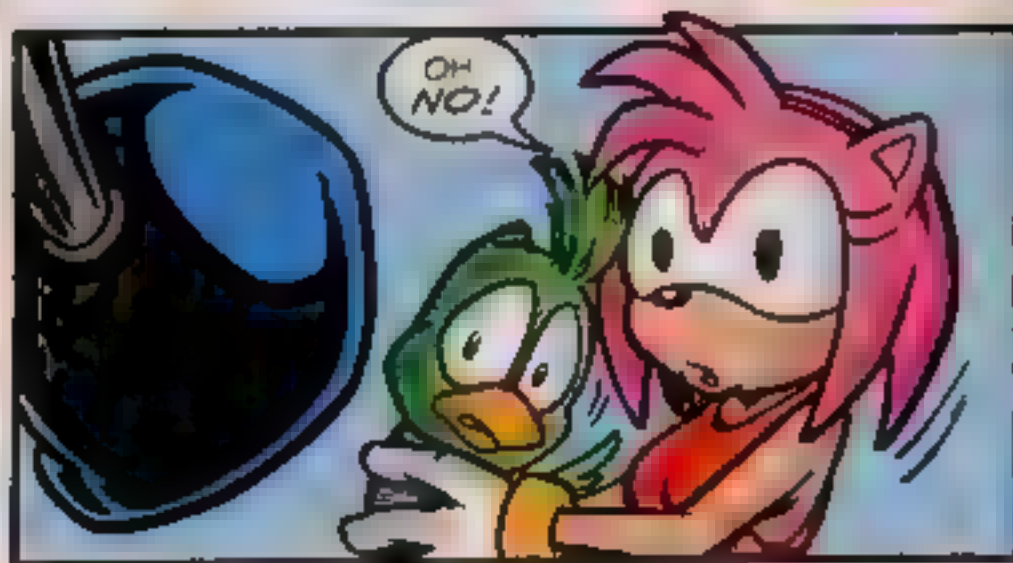
"--BY A
REALLY
MEAN
MACHINE!"

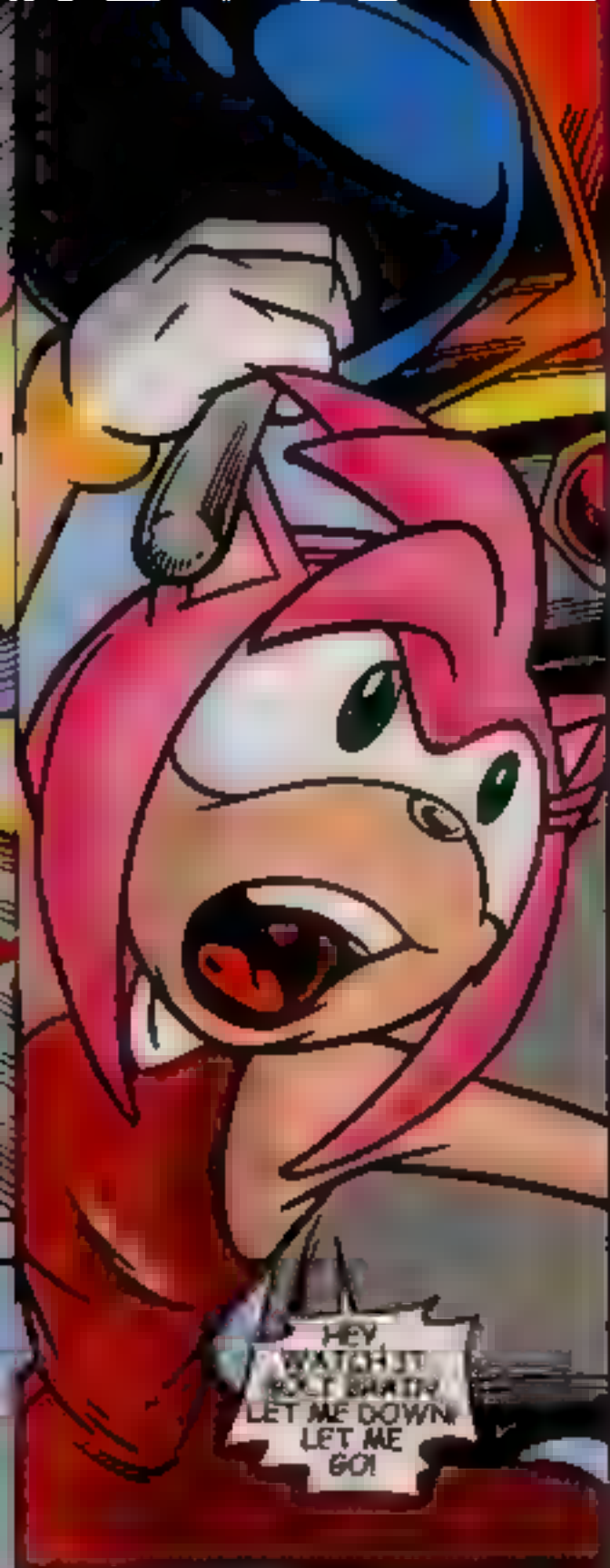
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AAAAAAA

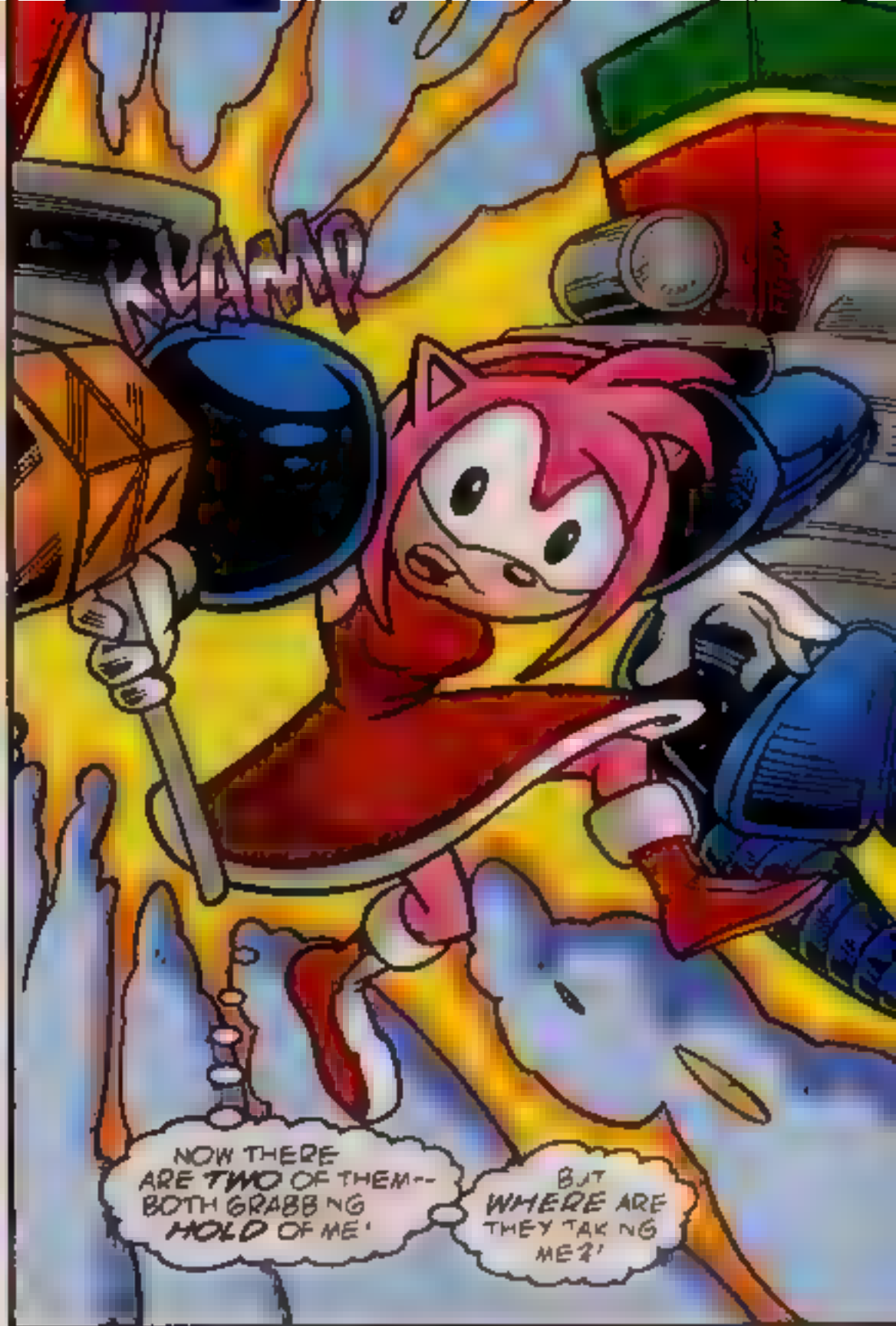
WATCH IT!
WATCH IT!

KNOCK!





HEY
WATCH IT
ROCK BATHY
LET ME DOWN
LET ME
GO!

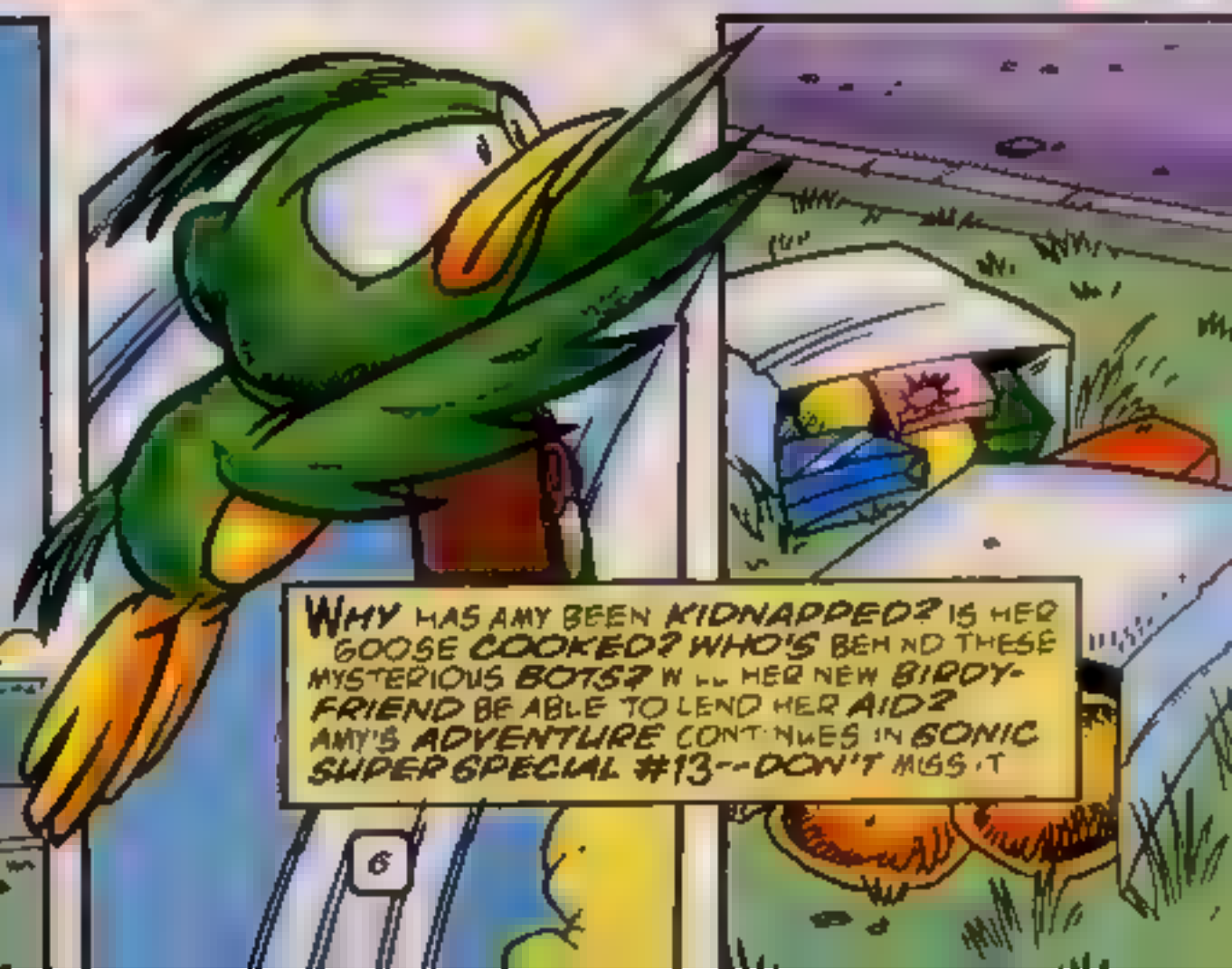


NOW THERE
ARE TWO OF THEM--
BOTH GRABBING
HOLD OF ME!

BUT
WHERE ARE
THEY TAKING
ME?



!!!



WHY HAS AMY BEEN KIDNAPPED? IS HER
GOOSE COOKED? WHO'S BEHIND THESE
MYSTERIOUS BOTS? WILL HER NEW BIRDY-
FRIEND BE ABLE TO LEND HER AID?
AMY'S ADVENTURE CONTINUES IN SONIC
SUPER SPECIAL #13--DON'T MISS IT

SONIC-GRAMS



OFF PANEL by Gallagher, Manak & Amash

THIS JUST IN!

Welcome to the third installment of our adaptation of 'SONIC ADVENTURE!' As mentioned last issue, we had a dandy time putting this book together (and we don't mean that in just the good way, you know)! But it was fun.... a labor of love, if you will. Again, we ask for your comments as to how well you think we did combining the two storylines. Some of the problems we had, for example, had to do with the fact that: 1) Sonic had longer quills and green eyes, 2) Amy Rose was now a teenager, 3) Dr. Robotnik looked like Eggman from the Japanese version, 4) the supporting characters (i.e. Princess Sally, Antoine, etc.) did not exist in the game, 5) the characters were interacting with regular human beings in a New York-like setting, and so on and so on. The first three were easy. We already had the story to SONIC #71 figured out and were in the middle of drawing it when it was decided that all licensees had to change Sonic's look. That included us. No problem. We just had Sonic look different in the opening page of that issue and had the blast be the reason for the change. RoboRobotnik was making a comeback in issue #75 so, again, it was easy to tweak the storyline so he would download his programming into Dr. Robotnik's new body (and look). Amy was tricky in that we had to come up with a reason why she aged and how she acquired her new powers. That became the focus of last issue's main story. We'll talk about the other dilemmas in the next "This Just In!" That's it for this month, so until then...



J.F. GABRIE

EDITOR / ART DIRECTOR

Catch you on the flip side!

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"CITY OF DREAMS"

1) See the last two issues.

"ALL YOU NEED IS A BIT OF CHAOS"

1) The same piece that
Froggy encountered in
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #79.

2) **SONIC &
KNUCKLES Special #1.**

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Next Month: THE OFFICIAL GAME ADAPTATION OF THE NEW SEGA DREAMCAST'S "SONIC ADVENTURE" CONTINUES! In the first story, Sonic plays hero in the city of Station Square and squares off against Chaos 0! Story by Boilers with breakdowns by Spaz & Fry and art by Ribeiro & Pepoy. The second story stars Knuckles as he witnesses Chaos' origin in the Mystic Ruins! Story & Art by Penders, Butler and Eklund. Also included, a solo story with E-102 Gamma called "Crossed Circuits!" All this in the next exciting issue of **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!**



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #82 on sale late February 2000!

Hey, Kids!

It's that time of year again when the legal necessities have to see print!

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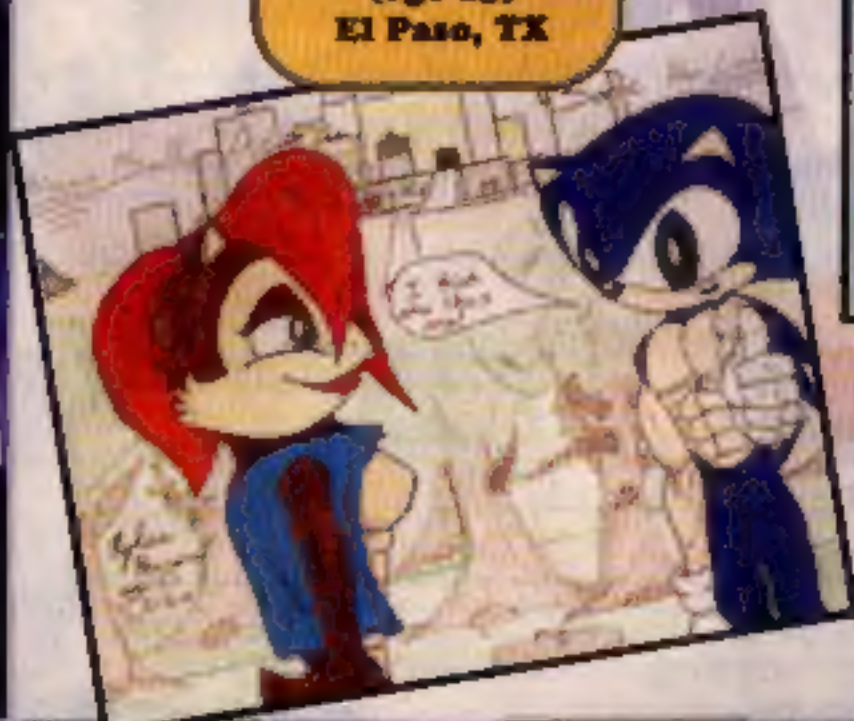


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